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Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Ján Kubiš (Slovakia) as my Special Representative for Iraq and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq. He will succeed Mr. Nickolay Mladenov (Bulgaria), who will take up his new assignment as United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and my Personal Representative to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority.

Mr. Kubiš most recently served as my Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. In his new capacity, he will have overall authority for the activities of the United Nations in the country and provide leadership, political guidance and high-level operational direction in the execution of the work of the Mission. He will build on the efforts and achievements of his predecessor and other United Nations and international efforts.

I should be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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